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CONDENSED INFORMATION

By Miss Mattie McLean.

The Fall Session of the Western Normal opens September 12, 1916.

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See your County Superintendent and secure free tuition in the Western Normal.

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The Summer School of 1916 is the greatest in every way in the experience of any one connected with the school. The attendance is larger by a hundred or more, the faculty is stronger and the course of study is broader and more attractive.

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The Training School, which is in session for four weeks is attracting much attention from those who wish to observe first-class teaching in the different grades.

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The Department of Physical Education is quite popular. Miss Imogene Krisky, who comes to us from the University of Wisconsin, is doing a most artistic work. Her classes are all large and enthusiastic. She is giving instruction in all phases of indoor athletics and playground work.

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Many of our graduates of former years have returned for special work this Summer. Among the number we note Mr. J. Walter Compton, Ward Principal from Mayfield; Mr. J. D. Falls, Principal of the school at Bradfordsville; Miss Louise Carson, who has spent the past year in one of the universities of the South; Miss Belle Potter, who has taught at Sedalia and will return for another year; Miss Lucy Brown, who has been teaching and will teach at Benton next year, Miss Lucy H. Booth, who taught at Pineville last year, and others.

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In addition to all the regular courses, special work is being given by such eminent men as Dr. E. A. Ross, of Wisconsin University, four lectures; Dr. W. W. Black, of Indiana University, six lectures; Dr. Richard T. Wyche, President of the National Story-Tellers' League of America, six lectures; Mr. E. A. Miller, from the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., two lectures; Superintendents J. H. Risley, of Owensboro, and C. E. Dudley, of Earlington, two lectures each; Prof. McHenry Rhoads, State Supervisor of Sec-

ondary Schools, and Prof. T. J. Coates, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, two lectures each.

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The annual attendance of the Western Normal during the past scholastic year has reached eighteen hundred and twenty different student-teachers. This does not take into account the attendance of the eight grades in the Training School. We are very much gratified over this large attendance, especially in view of the fact that this increase in attendance is due to the efforts of the former students. For next year we are again going to trust to the interest and goodwill of the student-body. We are hoping that every one of you will make a special effort to send one or more of your friends to us in September. The Fall Session will open on September 12th, and all our regular faculty will be here at that time to take up the work.

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The Normal has the privilege of issuing three classes of State certificates to those who complete certain courses of study. The Elementary Certificate entitles one to teach anywhere in the State for two years without examination; the Intermediate or Four-Year Certificate, for four years; and the Advance Certificate for three years, at the expiration of which time that certificate can be validated for life.

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The June issue of the Western Normal Letter is devoted to the work of Rural Schools. This publication contains many suggestive and inspirational notes, and we shall be glad to send you a copy of it if you will write and ask for it. It is a great number of the Letter. It will be mailed only upon request.

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May we urge the former students and all friends of the institution to use every effort in aiding us to increase our attendance from time to time? If you know of any young people in your community or elsewhere who should enter school in September or later, we hope you will send us their names and addresses. Even if they do not expect to attend school for two years or more, we shall be glad to put them on our mailing list and send them literature as it is issued.

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We have just published a pamphlet giving the list of classes which will be offered during each term of the next scholastic year. If you would like to have a copy of this pamphlet, write for it and we shall be glad to send it to you.

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There is plenty of free tuition in your county for those who expect to teach. Your County Superintendent will be glad to issue you a scholarship if you will see or write him.

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The best private board in Bowling Green can be had for $3.75 a week. By taking a room in private homes at $1.00 and $1.25 a week with all modern conveniences and taking your meals in the School Boarding Home for $2.00, you can bring your living expenses to about $3.00 or $3.25 per week. We shall be glad to help you secure the kind of board you desire.

We are always interested in meeting the students at the train and in going with them and seeing that they are properly located in a desirable boarding place and are suitably classified and started off in their work. A letter sent to us a day or two before you start from home will insure your being met at the train by a representative who will wear the badge of the school.

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The Senior Class of this year has been a strong one. It has excelled in point of numbers and has equaled, if not surpassed, any previous class in the quality of work done. More than two-thirds of the members have already secured excellent positions for next year, and no doubt the others will close contracts before many days.

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Large classes in the **County Certificate Course** were organized during the past year. A splendid line of work was done and hundreds of the young men and women who were here for the full course of five months were almost **universally successful in securing first-class certificates.** Students who enter for this course of study are not only able to prepare for the examination but they have an opportunity to observe expert critic teaching in the Training School and to take a certain amount of **professional work** for which they are given credit towards one of the State certificates.

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Graduates of Four-Year High Schools are usually able to complete the Intermediate Certificate Course in one year, or possibly the Elementary Certificate Course in the minimum resident requirement—three terms. When you come to us, bring your credentials from your High School, and our Dean will be glad to give you every reasonable credit.

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The Normal has the power to issue three classes of State certificates which entitle the holder to teach anywhere in the State for two years, four years and for three years. This last becomes a Life Certificate at the completion of three years of successful teaching. Full information about these courses will be given with pleasure.

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If you know of some young people to whom we should write and send literature of the scohol, kindly send us their names and addresses. Possibly you know of some who will take Music, Domestic Economy, Agriculture, or other special lines of work.

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The Fall Session opens on Tuesday, September 12th. We are hoping to have the largest attendance we have ever had here at that time, and we are depending on the former students to build this attendance for us. Since we are using every dollar possible to improve the equipment and enlarge the faculty and so make the work of the Normal effective, we do not find ourselves financially able to send out representatives into the various counties to solicit attendance. Besides, the best solicitors the Normal School could possibly have are the splendid young men and women who have been here and know what we

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are able to do for the schools of Kentucky. We earnestly ask your interest and co-operation.

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The Rural School number of the Normal School Letter will be especially helpful to you in your civic improvement efforts. Write for it.

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Miss Nell Moorman has entered the Chicago University for the Summer Term.

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Prof. Franz J. Strahm, Dean of the School of Music, has accepted the Directorship of the music work of the Monteagle Assembly this summer. For the Festival, at the close of the Chautauqua, Mr. Strahm will take his chorus from Bowling Green to join the chorus at that place in rendering "Abraham."

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Miss Sally Rodes and Miss Louise Strahm will also spend their vacation days at Monteagle.

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A part of Noraml Heights showing a front view of the grounds and the Administration Building. **A large half-tone picture of the above is being published and will be mailed to all persons writing or asking for it.**

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Miss Alice E. VanHouten will register in Columbia University for the Summer School in Drawing and Penmanship.

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Word comes from the University of Indiana that Miss Gabie Robinson will receive her A.B. degree this month. No more popular teacher has ever been connected with th Normal School.

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Miss Betsey Madison is preparing to enter the University of Wisconsin at an early date in order to complete the course there in Domestic Science.

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Other members of the faculty will spend their vacations in their own homes or in school in Eastern and Northern universities.

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For additional information write to Dr. H. H. Cherry, President State Normal School, Bowling Green, Kentucky.